

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting necrosis in neuronal, Purkinje, hippocampal, pyramidal or glial cells undergoing necrosis in a subject affected by Parkinson's Disease, ~~or treating a neurodegenerative disorder associated with necrosis of said cells~~, comprising administering to the subject an elastase inhibiting agent that inhibits elastase activity within said cells, in an amount sufficient to inhibit necrosis of said cells, ~~wherein said elastase inhibiting agent is capable of entering said cells.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the one or more elastase inhibiting agents administered cause~~ administration of the elastase inhibiting agent to the subject causes partial conversion of necrosis to apoptosis, and wherein said method further comprises administration of an anti-apoptotic agent.

4-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for treating cell necrosis in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to ~~a~~ the subject ~~in need~~ one or more elastase inhibiting agents that inhibit elastase activity within the cells undergoing necrosis, in an amount sufficient to inhibit cell necrosis ~~of said cells~~ and cause partial conversion of necrosis to apoptosis, and wherein said method further comprises administration of an anti-apoptotic agent, ~~wherein said amount of elastase inhibiting agent is less than the optimal amount for inhibiting necrosis when an anti-apoptotic agent is not used.~~

19-20 (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)